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CULTIVATION OF PADDY VARIETIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the kind of varieties of Paddy cultivated in the country at present and per hectare production thereof;

(b) the varieties of Paddy which have helped in enhancing the production of rice;

(c) the production of rice in the country at present and whether the production is adequate to meet the demand; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to meet the shortage?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): A large number of paddy varieties are under cultivation in different eco-systems of the country, which include common tall, high yielding, basmati and hybrids. The average productivity of rice during 1999-2000 is estimated at 1964 kg per hectare.

(b): High Yielding Varieties/Improved Varieties alongwith improved production technologies have resulted in enhancing the productivity and production of rice.

(c) & (d): The present level of rice production is estimated at 88.25 million tonnes during 1999-2000. As per normative requirement of foodgrains including rice, the production level is more than the requirement for our population.